

United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, who was introduced by Senator Lugar, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### IMPROPER USE OF NATIONAL SECURITY LETTERS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine the Inspector General's findings of improper use of National Security Letters by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from former Representative Barr; George Christian, Library Connection, Inc., Windsor, Connecticut, on behalf of the American Library Association; and Suzanne E. Spaulding, Bingham Consulting Group, and Peter P. Swire, Center for American Progress, both of Washington, D.C.

### SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the operations and governance of the Smithsonian Institution, focusing on the condition of the Smithsonian's facilities and whether the Smithsonian has taken steps to maximize facility resources, including the current estimated costs of the needed facilities projects, and the extent to which the Smithsonian developed and implemented strategies to fund these projects, after receiving testimony from Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Roger W. Sant, Patricia Q. Stonesifer, Cristian Samper, and Anne Sprightley Ryan, all of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2007, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 103.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the current pet food recall, 2 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* with the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine testimony on the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs disability rating systems and the transition of service

members from the Department of Defense to the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine the issue of piracy, focusing on intellectual property theft's impact on America's place in the global economy and strategies for improving enforcement, 2 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine Transportation Workers Identification Credentials (TWIC) implementations, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine S. 987, to enhance the energy security of the United States by promoting biofuels, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine filing federal income tax returns, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine international perspectives on alternative energy policy, focusing on incentives and mandates and their impacts, 2:15 p.m., SD-215.

Full Committee, business meeting to mark up S. 3, to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries, 6:40 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine closing the gap relating to equal pay for women workers, 2 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine a dialogue on removing obstacles to